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ACHIEVING REAL SOLUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Thoughts, Ideas, & Brainstorming

- 1. Identify the problem as succinctly and clearly as possible.
- 2. Consider what causes, factors and other issues are related to and associated with the "problem."
- 3. Consider what data, information, and advocacy "partners" can be mobilized to emphasize and underscore the importance of this problem.
- 4. Consider the state's role in mitigating and providing solutions to the problem.
- 5. Consider how the state can implement solutions (i.e. changes in regulations, new legislation; new policy; state-federal interaction; etc)
- 6. Consider funds and resources that are required to implement possible solutions.
- 7. Are there effective models that can be applied to solve this problem?
- 8. What addition data and information is required or could be helpful in either better understanding the problem or providing solutions; in supporting the recommendations that are being provided.
- 9. Is the solution/recommendation "strategic" in that it establishes the groundwork/foundation for future solutions?
- 10. Final litmus test: What is the likelihood that the recommendation (s) can be implemented? Are there modifications or additional factors that could improve the **chances of implementation.**